

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

1. (Currently Amended) Hand-held sprayer with an at least partially hollow shaft section, a liquid dispensing section, and a hollow connecting plug element for connecting a hose extension to the hand-held sprayer, which is arranged within the shaft section and can be fastened by a fastening element plugable through at least one opening from the outside of the shaft section into the shaft section, in which the connecting plug element has a first mounting extension for connecting the hose extension with the connecting plug element and a second mounting extension for connecting the connecting plug element with the shaft section, the hand-held sprayer comprising:

a groove running circumferentially around an outer periphery of the connecting plug element which the fastening element engages when the connecting plug element is fastened to the shaft section and wherein the second mounting extension has essentially the shape of a hollow tube that can be mounted to a third mounting extension in the shaft section formed in one piece with the shaft section.

2. (Previously Presented) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 1, wherein the first mounting extension is a tube extension that has a reduced diameter relative to the connecting plug element and is mountable to the hose extension.

3. (Previously Presented) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 2, further including at least one seal disposed between the hose extension and the first mounting extension or between the second mounting extension and the third mounting extension.

4. (Previously Presented) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 3, wherein the seal is a radially-acting O-ring.

5. (Previously Presented) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 1, wherein the hose extension is securely fastened to the connecting plug element by a securing element.

6. (Previously Presented) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 1, wherein the fastening element essentially comprises a U-shape with two arms of the U-shape engaging in the groove of the connecting plug element on opposite sides.

7. (Previously Presented) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 1, wherein the fastening element is a spring steel insert.

8. (Previously Presented) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 1, arranged on or in a cooking appliance.

9. (Previously Presented) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 5, wherein the securing element is a hose clamp.

10. (Previously Presented) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 2, further including at least one first seal disposed between the hose extension and the first mounting extension and at least one second seal disposed between the second mounting extension and the third mounting extension.

11. (Previously Presented) A hand-held sprayer for use with a hose extension, comprising:

an at least partially hollow shaft section;

a liquid dispensing section;

a fastening element; and

a hollow connecting plug element for connecting the hose extension to the shaft section, wherein the hollow connecting plug element is arranged within the shaft section and can be fastened by the fastening element through at least one opening from the outside of the shaft section into the shaft section,

wherein the connecting plug element has a first mounting extension for connecting the hose extension with the connecting plug element, a second mounting extension for connecting the connecting plug element with the shaft section and a groove running circumferentially around an outer periphery of the connecting plug element which the fastening element engages when the connecting plug element is fastened to the shaft section and wherein the second mounting extension has essentially the shape of a hollow tube that can be mounted to a third mounting extension in the shaft section formed in one piece with the shaft section.

12. (Previously Presented) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 11, wherein the first mounting extension is a tube extension that has a reduced diameter relative to the connecting plug element and is mountable to the hose extension.

13. (Previously Presented) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 12, further including at least one seal disposed between the hose extension and the first mounting extension or between the second mounting extension and the third mounting extension.

14. (Previously Presented) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 13, wherein the seal is a radially-acting O-ring.

15. (Previously Presented) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 12, further including at least one first seal disposed between the hose extension and the first mounting extension and at least one second seal disposed between the second mounting extension and the third mounting extension.

16. (Previously Presented) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 11, further including a securing element that securely fastens the hose extension to the connecting plug element.

17. (Previously Presented) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 16, wherein the securing element is a hose clamp.

18. (Previously Presented) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 11, wherein the fastening element comprises a U-shaped element with two arms of the U-shaped element engaging in opposite sides of the groove of the connecting plug element.

19. (Previously Presented) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 11, wherein the fastening element is a spring steel insert.

20. (Previously Presented) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 11, arranged on or in a cooking appliance.